

Police Issue Public Advisory for Hoax Calls to Day Care Facilities

Newark/Middletown – The Delaware State Police and Newark Police Department, are issuing a public advisory regarding hoax phone calls which were made to two separate day care facilities in New Castle County.

Both incidents occurred on Monday, November 13, 2017, during the same approximate time frame, and involved day care facilities in Newark and Middletown. In each case an unknown male caller, who was calling from a blocked number, advised the day care staff that he had located a lost child, and that information in the child's belongings, identified them as being under that facilities care. The caller, who refused to identify himself, attempted to obtain personal information, and was evasive when asked follow-up questions, before hanging up. In each case, the day care staff immediately contacted police to report the incident.

Subsequent investigations by both the Delaware State Police and Newark Police Department revealed that there were no reported abductions, missing persons or other related incidents that could deem the information provided in the calls to be credible.

This information is being provided for awareness purposes only and to dispel rumors that might circulate via social media or other means.

If anyone has information regarding these incidents they are asked to call Delaware State Police Troop 9 at 302-378-5749 or the Newark Police Department at 302-366-7111. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at

<http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

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